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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 16, 2007, please consider the following. No fees are believed to be required for this submission; however, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

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